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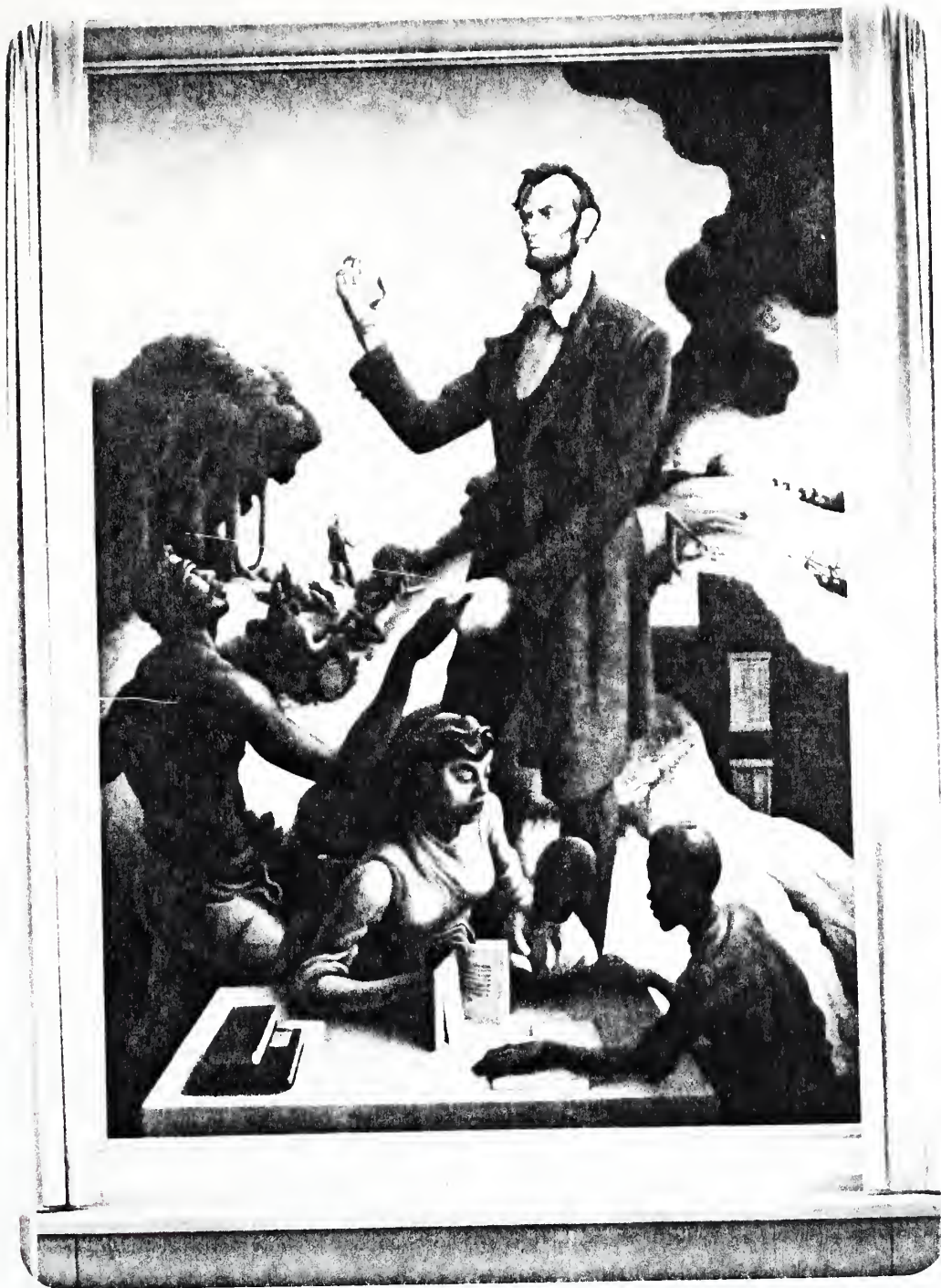
Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Thomas Hart Benton

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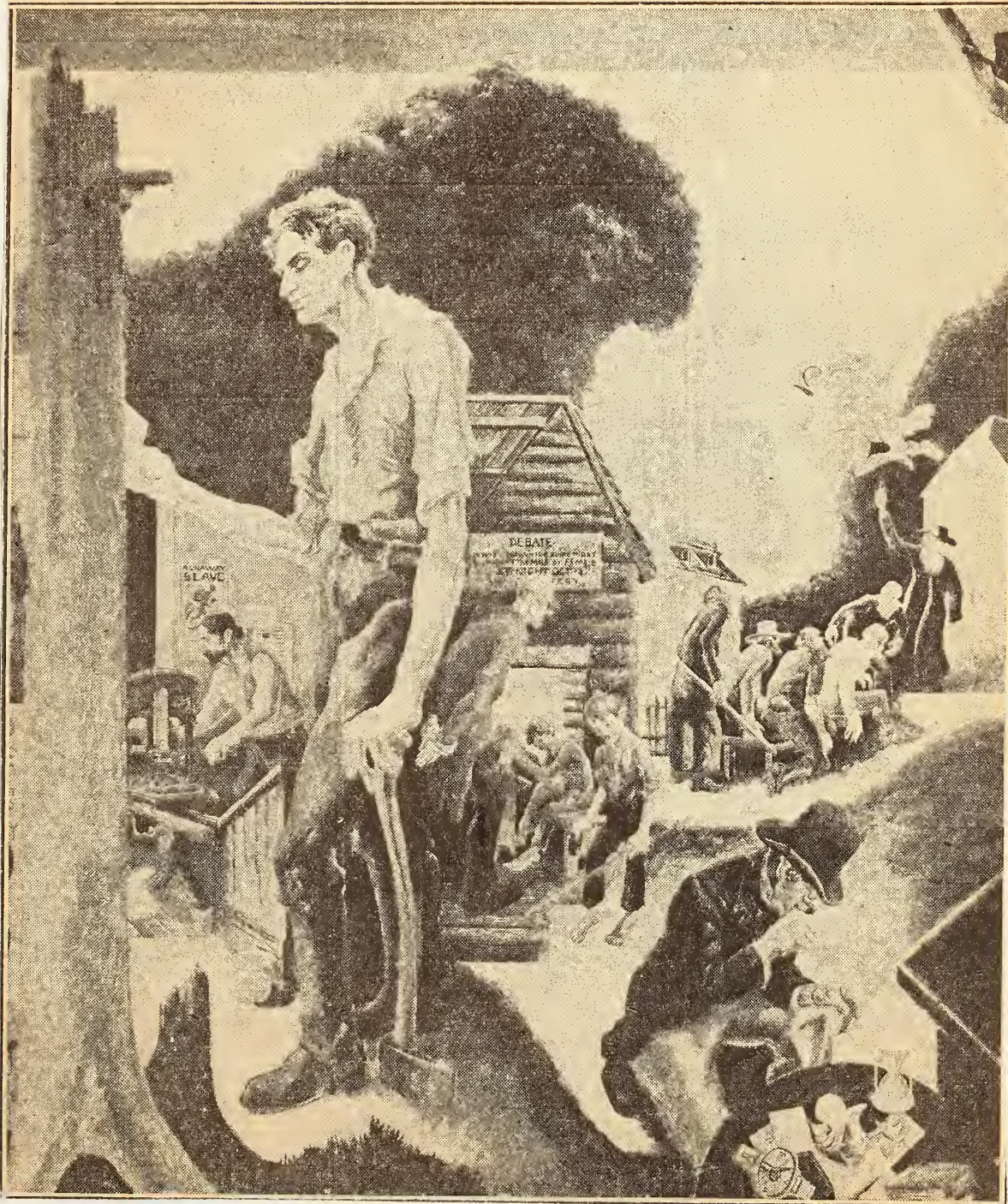
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Benton Paints Gift Mural



Thomas Hart Benton works at his nearly completed Abraham Lincoln mural which he said Friday would be his personal gift to Lincoln University, a school founded in 1866 for Negro students. Benton, 66-year-old Missouri-born artist, said he has been working intermittently on the 8½-foot-high painting at his Kansas City home for more than a year. Lincoln University is at Jefferson City, Mo.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (UP)—Illinois and the nation will pause today in the midst of crises and conflict to honor Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War president.

Illinois scheduled a solemn observance of the 146th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. Traditional observance of the day centered on the Illinois capital, which claims the Kentucky-born president as its most revered citizen.

Public officials and private

citizens alike will make pilgrimages to the Great Emancipator's tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery here, where his body was buried after it was returned from Washington in 1865.

Still others will pay their respects at the Lincoln house near downtown Springfield and at the restored village of New Salem, where Lincoln lived as a young man.

State officials plan to open

six more rooms in the Lincoln home here. The home is now a shrine visited by almost half a million persons every year.

The upstairs bedrooms, restored to make them as nearly as possible the same as they were when Lincoln and his family left for Washington in 1861, have not been opened to the public since the house was presented to the state in 1878 by Robert Lincoln.

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Lincoln Mural Gift---

PAINTING NEAR COMPLETION—Thomas Hart Benton of Kansas City works on an eight-foot mural of Abraham Lincoln, which he said would be his personal gift to Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Mo. The Negro school was founded in 1866. Benton said he has worked intermittently for more than a year on the painting, which soon will be finished.
—AP Wirephoto.

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